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1. WE HAVE NOTED MISSION'S ASSESSMENT ON POSSIBILITIES FOR PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS, AND ACCEPT MISSION'S JUDGMENT THAT BEST COURSE IS TO PROCEED AS PROPOSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE NOTED PARA 6A.

3. WITH REGARD TO PARA 6B, WE AGREE THAT PROGRAM INCREASE OF ABOUT 600,000 BF FOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING TRAINING COURSES IS JUSTIFIED, BUT WE DO NOT AGREE THAT AN EXCEPTION TO U.S. POLICY OUTLINED IN STATE 263691 IS WARRANTED. IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY AN OFFSETTING PROGRAM REDUCTION FOR THIS SMALL AMOUNT, AND IT IS OF UTMOST UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANCE TO PREVENT APPROVAL OF A NET PROGRAM INCREASE

IN THIS OR ANY OTHER CASE UNLESS THERE IS AN IDENTIFIABLE
OFFSETTING PROGRAM REDUCTION ELSEWHERE. WE WANT TO CON-
TINUE TO BE ABLE TO TESTIFY DURING HEARINGS THAT INCREASES

REQUESTED ARE FOR NON-DISCRETIONARY PURPOSES, AND WE
CANNOT DO THIS IF REQUESTS INCLUDE NET PROGRAM INCREASES.
THUS WE CAN ACCEPT THIS INCREASE ONLY IF AN OFFSETTING
DECREASE IS ALSO APPROVED BY CBC. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD
UNNECESSARILY JEOPARDIZE NATO APPROPRIATION APPROVAL FOR
A RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT REASON.

4. WE AGREE WITH MISSION VIEW AS OUTLINED IN PARA 6C.

5. WE FULLY SUPPORT APPROACH DESCRIBED IN PARA 7 OF
REFTEL.

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